GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:344
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
BLACKLISTED COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that companies blacklisted by Prasar Bharati areagain doing business with Prasar Bharati under the changed names;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of companies blacklisted during the last three years, till date and the nature of charges leveled against each of these companies; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against such companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 344 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2001

(a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan suspends/ withdrawsaccreditation status of companies from time to time, if they do not clear their outstandings. For recovery of outstandings, the following steps are taken: -

i) Monthly monitoring is done and regular reminders are sent to clear outstanding dues.

ii) No fresh programmes / extension of programmes is given to any defaulting agency / producer unless they agree to give advance payment and commit to abide by an agreed payment plan.

iii) If the defaulting agencies do not adhere to the payment plan, then the programmes are taken off the air and their accreditation status is cancelled / withdrawn.

iv) On cancellation / withdrawal of accreditation status, bank guarantees of agencies are en-cashed.

v) To secure Doordarshan`s revenue and to cover the credit period, the bank guarantee amount has been enhanced; and

vi) Legal proceedings have also been launched to recover the outstandings in some cases.

AIR accepts commercial spots/sponsorships/sponsored programmes throughaccredited agencies. The accreditation status of the defaulting agencies is suspended temporarily and bookings accepted on advance payment only till dues are cleared. If any such agency fails to clear the outstanding dues, its Bank Guarantee is encashed. In cases of dispute in payment, the matter is referred for Arbitration and in some cases; civil suits are also filed to recover the dues.

(c) and (d): A list of major defaulting agencies in respect of Doordarshan , as on 11th December, 2001 with the action taken against each, is given at Annexure I.

As regards AIR, a list of defaulting agencies against whom legal notices have been recently issued is given at Annexure II.

Annexure - I

Annexure-I referred in reply to Parts (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 344 for answer on 13.12.2001

Sl.No.	Name of Agency	Accreditation Status	Remarks

1 AALIYA PRODUC110NS Withdrawn Legal case at Delhi H.C.
2 ABCL Withdrawn Last instalment due in September, but, not received. Claiming dispute.
3 ADVANCE TV NETWORK Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
4 ANAND ADVTG. Withdnwn Recovery suit is being filed.
5 BIDHAN ADVTG. Suspended -
6 CHAITRA ADVfG - Reminder issued.
7 CINEMA VISION Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
8 CONCEPT ADVTG. Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
9 COPY DESK Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
10 CORRUM COMM. Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
11 CREATIVE EYE Suspended Payment plan for undisputed dues. Arbitration for disputed amount.
12 DRISHTY INDIA Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
13 FAME COMM. Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
14 FILM CRAFT Suspended Advance payment. Repayment plan.
15 FIRST OPTION TELEFILMS - Payment Plan.
16 FUTURE COMM. Withdrawn Recovery suit is being filed.
17 GLOBAL ENTERTAINERS Withdrawn Legal action being taken.
18 G.N. COMMUNICATI0NS Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
19 GURUJI ADVERTISERS Suspended Legal Notice issued.
20 HTA - Disputed.
21 INNOVISION FILM & TV Suspended Case in Mumhai High Court.
22 JAYA ADVTG. Withdrawn Legal Notice being issued.
23 JOSLIN COMM. Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
24 KINESCOPE WithdrAwn Legal Notice issued.

2S KLI - Rs. 33 Lacs to be adjusted the payments due to company
from Directorate. Reminder issued.

26 LEHAR PUBULICITY SER. Withdrawn Legal Notice under process.
27 MAGIC BOX Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
28 MAGNA VISION Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
29 MARKET MOVERS Withdrawn Arbitrator appointed.
30 MAYA ENTERTAINMENT Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
31 MBM Withdrawn Legal Notice issued. Asking for arbitration.
32 MEDIA ASIA Withdrawn Case filed in Delhi High Court. Arbitrator appOinted.
33 MOULIS ADVERTISING - Assured to clear by 30.12.2001.
34 MULTI CHANNEL Withdrawn Criminal complaint being processed Civil suit being filed.
3S NCYP - Reminder issued.
36 NEERJA FILMS - Legal Notice issued. (Doing Business).

37 NFDC - 30.00 crores to be adjusted from the payments due
to NFDC from the Directorate.

38 NIMBUS COMM. - Under arbitration. (Doing Business).
39 NUMERO UNO Withdrawn Legal Notice issued. Winding up petition being filed.
40 PNC Suspended Repayment plan but defaulted. Final notice issued.
41 PAS INTERNATIONAL - Paying in instalments. (Doing Business)
42 PLUS CHANNEL Withdrawn Liquidator appointed.
43 PRIME TIME MEDIA Suspended Reminder issued.
44 PROMINENT Withdrawn Disputed.
45 RADHA PUBLICITY Suspended Legal Notice being issued.
46 REASONABLE ADVTG. - Repayment plan. (Doing Business)
47 SAGAR ENTERPRISES Suspended Re-payment plan.
48 SHREE MADHAV Withdrawn 1230# (BG sent for encashment). Criminal complaint against the bank filed.
49 TRITON COMM. - Assured to pay by 14.12.2001. (Doing Business)
50 UNIVERSAL - Legal Notice issued. (Doing Business).
51 URANUS Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
52 UTV - Whole amount is to be taken from the Directorate. (Doing Business)
53 VIGYAPAN Withdrawn -
54 W.D. CONSUMER - Dte. has been asked to adjust against the payment due.
55 WORLD MEDIA Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
56 WORLDCOM M/M Withdrawn Legal Notice issued.
57 B4U MULTIMEDIA - Arbitrator appointed.

58 NINE NETWORK B/C - for Rs. 558 Lacs company has submitted a proposal i.e. money will
be collected from production cost of BCCI events payable to him.

59 FILM CITY - Protected by BG.

Annexure - II

Annexure-II referred in reply to Parts (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 344 for answer on 13.12.2001

Details of legal notices issued to the defaulting agencies by All India Radio

Sl.No.	Name of the Advertising Agency
1	M/s Suchandra Ad-Media
2	M/s Renuka Advertising Company
3	M/s Maa Communications Bozel (P) Ltd.
4	M/s Musireca Cassettes Incorporation
5	M/s Radio TV Commercials
6	M/s Adair Advertising
7	M/s Rayer Communications
8	M/s Shree Advertising
9	M/s Sri Ragevendra Advertising
10	M/s V. R. G. Agencies
11	M/s Mantralaya Mahan Ads.
12	M/s Noisy Recording